

**DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0050**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**BALLARD PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, LLC**

Respondent

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**FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondents are hereby ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondents of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

**June 30, 2004**  
DATE

**SIGNED**  
Alfred C. Smith  
Regional Judicial Officer

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8

In the Matter of: )  
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**Ballard Petroleum Holdings, LLC** ) **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
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Respondent. ) **DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0050**

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, and Respondent, Ballard Petroleum Holdings, LLC, by their undersigned representatives, hereby settle the civil cause of action arising out of violations of the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan regulations found during inspections on September 17, 2003, and agree as follows:

The Clean Water Act (the Act), as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to assess administrative penalties against any person who violates the oil pollution prevention (SPCC) regulations, promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j). This authority has been properly delegated to the undersigned EPA official.

Respondent, Ballard Petroleum Holdings, LLC, owns and/or operates eight tank batteries: Central Gathering System Storage, located at SE/4 SE/4 Section 30, T. 29N, R 51 E; Cut Hair Number 1 Tank Battery, located at SE/4 SE/4 Section 12, T. 29N, R 50 E; EPU No. 44-19 Tank Battery, located at SE/4SE/4 Section 19, T. 29N, R 51 E; North Central Tank Battery, located at SE/4SE/4 Section 30, T. 29N, R 51 E; McGowan Tank Battery, located at NW/4 NW/4 Section 12, T. 29N, R 50 E; Reid Tank Battery, located at NW/4 NE/4 Section 10, T. 29N., R 50 E; “T” Tank Battery, located at SE/4SE/4 Section 2, T. 28N, R 51 E; and Northwest Poplar Central

Tank Battery, located at NW/4 SE/4 Section 11, T. 29N, R 50 E. all located in Roosevelt County, Montana.

Respondent admits its facility is subject to the SPCC regulations.

Respondent agrees to correct the items cited on the attached List of SPCC Violations within thirty (30) days unless an extension for achieving compliance is granted by EPA at its discretion and to send a copy of the revised SPCC Plan to the person named below.

Respondent admits that EPA has jurisdiction in this proceeding.

Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any civil tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this agreement.

This agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including but not limited to any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement.

This Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

Respondent consents and agrees to the assessment of a civil penalty of \$1,500, which shall be paid by sending, via certified mail, a cashier's or certified check for that amount, payable to "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund" along with a signed copy of this agreement, to:

Jane Nakad  
Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-T)  
USEPA Region 8  
999 18th Street, Suite 300  
Denver, CO 80202-2466

Respondent further agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the penalty amount as required by this agreement once incorporated into the final order, or fails to make the

corrective measures to obtain compliance as represented, this agreement is null and void, and EPA may pursue any applicable enforcement options.

The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions for this agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final consent order.

Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this matter.

This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final consent order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations described in this agreement.

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION VIII,  
Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice, Complainant.**

By : **SIGNED**

Date: **6.28.04**

Elisabeth Evans, Director  
Technical Enforcement Program

**Ballard Petroleum Holdings, LLC, Respondent.**

By: **SIGNED**

Name: **D. W. Ballard**

Title: **President**

Date: **6-23-04**

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter of **BALLARD PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, LLC., DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0050** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on June 30, 2004.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to Brenda Morris, Enforcement Attorney, U.S. EPA - Region 8, 999 18th Street - Suite 300, CO 80202-2466. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on June 30, 2004, to:

and D. W. Ballard, President  
Ballard Petroleum Holdings, LLC.  
845 12th Street West  
Billings, MT 59102

Commander  
Finance Center (OGR)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
1430 A Kristina Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23326

June 30, 2004

**SIGNED**

Tina Artemis  
Regional Hearing Clerk

**THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK'S OFFICE  
ON JUNE 30, 2004.**